

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.—If it is found to be correct, it raises an important issue.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—It is coming from a very responsible member of this House. He is not an irresponsible member.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Merely because the honble Member says it cannot be taken cognisance of. It is open to any member to say anything. It has to be verified,

SRI S. M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASEKHAR.—It is a Government circular wherein cabinet decision is quoted.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The Honble Member is reading a Government circular. There is nothing wrong in it.

SRI S. M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASEKHAR.—It is a Government circular wherein it is stated that the Cabinet have taken a decision on 12 August 1976. According to that decision they cannot be treated as local candidates. They stand on a separate footing. How can you terminate them?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—They are neither local candidates nor candidates appointed by the P. S. C. They are temporary candidates taken for a specific period

### Assault on Smt. Sangavva of Nandgad

90. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that one Smt. Nagavva Yellappa Kurubar, aged 50 years is residing with her daughter Sangavva Kallappa Hosamani, aged 30 years, near the Motor Stand at Nandgad in Khanapur Taluk ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Smt. Sangavva Hosamani, residing at Nandgad, Khanapur Taluk was taken into police custody for investigation on 9th April 1976 ;

(c) if so, the reason for the same ;

(d) whether it is a fact that she was made naked, assaulted and molested by the Police in the Police station ;

(e) the number of Police Officials together with their ranks suspended or transferred on account of this incident ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to question (b).

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to question (b).

(e) One Head Constable and four Police Constables were transferred from Nandgaon Police Station as they were long standing.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK—To my questions (b), (c) and (d) the answer is in negative. One Smt. Sangavva Hosamani was taken to Police Station for investigation. There she was made naked, assaulted and molested. That is true. The answer you have given is that One Head Constable and four Police Constables were transferred as they were long standing. May I know whether this transfer was effected prior to this incident or after that.

† SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—After.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK—May I know whether it is a fact that one Forest Guard has made a complaint against Sangavva Hosamani who was residing in the house of that very lady that some ornaments were stolen and the lady was taken to the Police station for investigation?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—The fact is, the Forest Guard did make a complaint. But the question put is whether she was taken into police custody for investigation on 9th April 1973. For that we have said 'No' because that was not the date on which she was taken.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Whichever date it might be.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—The hon'ble member cannot say that. If only he had asked when she was taken, we would have given the date. Because he has mentioned a specific date we have to reply like that. That is not the date on which she was taken. She was taken on 17-4-1976.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—This incident of making her naked, assault and molestation has appeared in the press and the Superintendent of Police, Belgaum has gone to Nandgaon police station and investigated the matter and then made transfers. Is it not a fact?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—Mere statement appearing in the press cannot be taken as gospel truth. Some allegations are made and the press might have published. That does not mean all that is published is true.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—This lady is a shepherd lady and there is rumour in Khanapur that this matter is hushed up. I will bring that lady if you are going to take up this matter seriously and investigate it.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS.—Yes, please bring the lady. Let me know from her what exactly is the position.